



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: SKAMANIA HATCHERY INTAKE RESTORATION

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to replace the existing surface water intake structure and fishway for the Skamania Hatchery, located on the West Fork Washougal River in Skamania County. This aquatic species enhancement project will increase instream flow and available habitat during the summer low flow periods. The new intake and fishway would be constructed in roughly the same footprint as the original structure, though the fishway would extend about 30 feet downstream of the existing fishway entrance along portions of the left bank that were armored with excavated bedrock and riprap in the 1950s.

This project also includes the installation of a pipeline that would convey post-hatchery use water back to the point of withdrawal where the water would be discharged into the fishway. This pumpback line would require the construction of a small pump station at the hatchery. The pipeline would be buried from the hatchery to the intake and would provide 5-8 cubic feet per second (cfs) to the hatchery diversion reach during low flow periods (late June – mid October) when portions of the reach would otherwise be dewatered.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, Skamania County; Sections 29 & 32, Township 02 North, Range 05 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **October 19, 2011**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: October 4, 2011

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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